

May 2, 2006

Mr. Peter Tucker, Mayor  
Mr. Sam Edgerton, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Mr. Michael Keegan, Council Member  
Mr. J.R. Reviczky, Council Member  
c/o City of Hermosa Beach  
Civic Center, 1315 Valley Dr.  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

Re: 726 Prospect Ave. lot merger

Gentlemen,

I am concerned about your decision to take a re-vote on the lot merger issue at 726 Prospect Ave, and you should be too. To quote Mr. Edgerton, "Any time you are dealing with someone's property rights you are dealing with something really important." That applies to every property owner in Hermosa Beach, developer or resident. Considering that the city has neglected its residents for 20 years by not enforcing the lot merger ordinance, this vote could be the most important vote you will cast. I'm requesting that you move the new public hearing to July 2006 when there will be five council members to vote on this important issue.

The reason I am encouraging this postponement is that in 1986 when this ordinance was passed and approved by the City Council, it was as it is today, a very contentious issue with heated and emotional arguments on both sides. All five members of the council representing the entire population of Hermosa Beach were present for the vote. As the council sits now 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the population of Hermosa Beach will not be represented. However the vote goes, either side of the issue can and will call foul. How can anyone consider a vote by an incomplete council fair, especially when it concerns an issue of such importance?

The re-vote is a given, but do any of you believe that this will be the end of the problem when the residents of Hermosa Beach have not been represented fairly? There is much at stake here. However you decide to vote on this matter, you must consider moving the new public hearing to July 2006 in order to have a complete Council. Only this way can you be fair to those who put you in the offices you hold.

Sincerely,

Tim Lovekin